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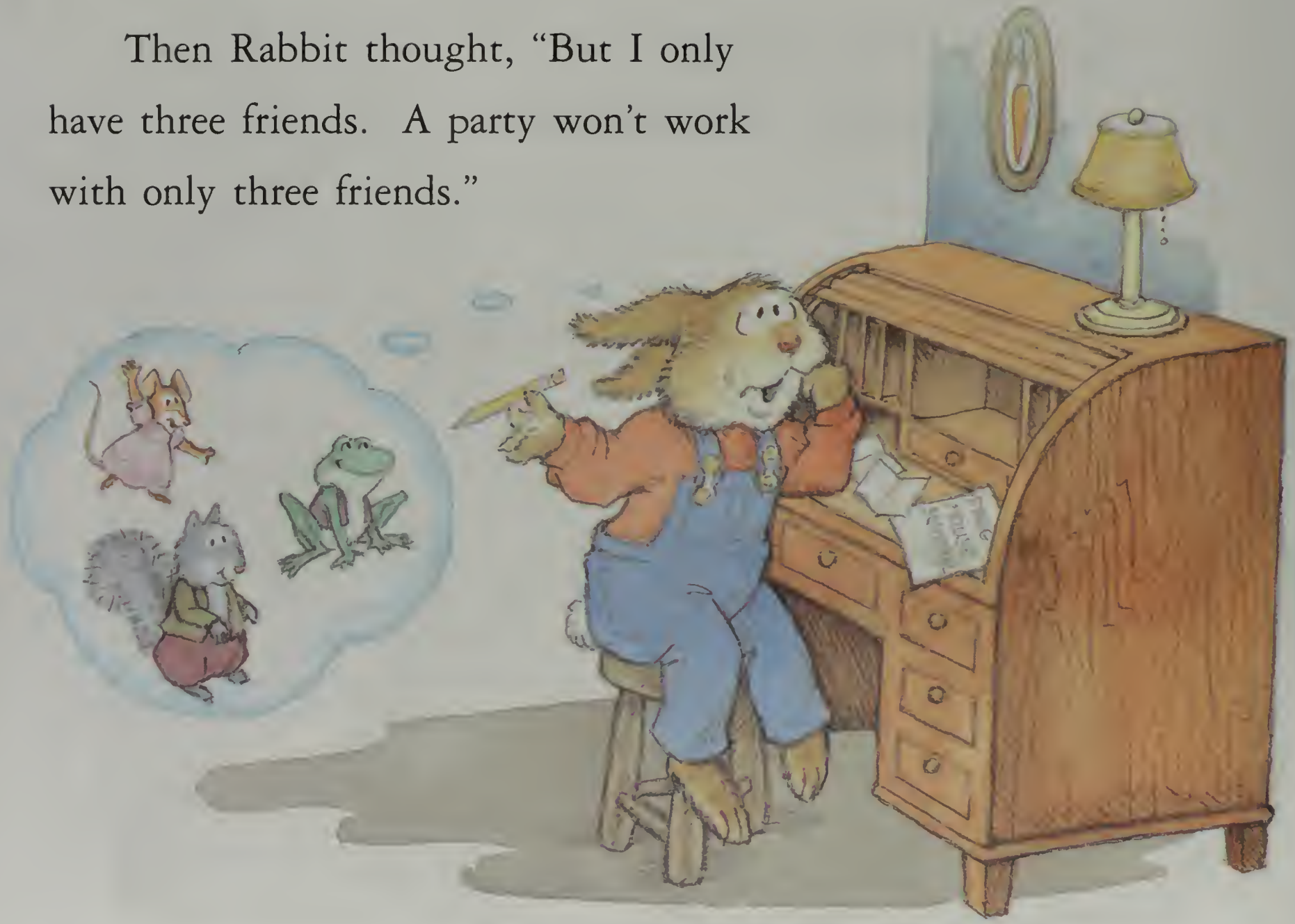
"Tomorrow is my birthday,"
Rabbit said to himself. "I think I will
give a party."

Then Rabbit thought, "But I only have three friends. A party won't work with only three friends."



Rabbit thought hard. "I know. I will ask each of my friends to bring two friends. Then there will be ten of us at my party. What a good plan."

Rabbit went up to his friend Squirrel.

"Do you know what? Tomorrow is my birthday. Please come to my party and bring two friends."

"Thank you," Squirrel said. "We will come."

Rabbit went up to his friend Frog.

"Do you know what? Tomorrow is my birthday. Please come to my party and bring two friends."

"Thank you," Frog croaked. "We will come."

Rabbit went up to his friend Mouse.

"Do you know what? Tomorrow is my birthday. Please come to my party and bring two friends."

"Thank you," Mouse squeaked. "We will come."

Rabbit was happy. He went home and got ready for his party.

He made a nut cake with sweet berries on top. "Yum," Rabbit said. "So good."

He made a big salad with carrots in it. "Yum, yum," Rabbit said.

The next morning, Rabbit waited for his guests. He saw Squirrel and Frog and Mouse coming together.

"Where are your two friends?" Rabbit asked Squirrel.

"Here they are," Squirrel said. "I brought Frog and Mouse."

"Goodness me!" Rabbit said. "What a thing!"

"Where are your two friends?" Rabbit asked Frog.

"Here they are," Frog croaked. "I brought Squirrel and Mouse."

"Goodness me!" Rabbit said. "What a thing!"

"Where are your two friends?" Rabbit asked Mouse.

"Here they are," Mouse squeaked. "I brought Squirrel and Frog."

"Goodness me!" Rabbit said. "What a thing!"

Rabbit and his friends sat at the table.

"Everything is so good," Squirrel said.

"What a great party!" Mouse squeaked. "I like the nut cake."

They all liked the nut cake.

Rabbit looked around the table.
"I found out something today," he said.
"Three good friends are enough. A party will work with just three friends."

"Indeed! Please pass the nut cake," Mouse said.

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